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From: Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet.

To: Chief of Naval Operations.

Subject: Comments on the value of JANIS.

Reference: (a) CNO serial 1051P23 of 20 Feb 1946.

1. As requested in reference (a) the following specific replies to the questions in paragraph 3 are submitted:

(a) Joint Army Navy Intelligence Studies were of great value in the planning and conduct of operations.

(b) The studies were used for basic research in developing information on areas.

(c) The information contained in them was of great value.

(d) The studies are considered to be of the correct scope for their purpose.

(e) The form of presentation is excellent. No basic changes should be made. Recommended changes are set forth in the following paragraphs.

2. In the intelligence library of the Commander in Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet, JANIS are the basic research publications for all areas which they cover. The chapter headings are well suited for military studies. Subsequent information from O.N.I., however, is usually classified in accordance with the O.N.I. Index Guide, which requires considerable revision to meet the needs of modern warfare. As a result, the current information on an area is contained in several volumes and files in addition to the pertinent JANIS. This is a serious disadvantage, in view of the rapidity with which areas of paramount interest are now developing.

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3. In order to allow field activities optimum benefit of available intelligence information it is recommended:

(a) That a uniform up to date index system be devised and urged for adoption by all United States intelligence agencies.

(b) That the publication of JANIS be vigorously continued, with priorities changes as indicated by world conditions.

(c) That corrections to JANIS of critical areas be prepared and promptly disseminated in the same form as the original sheets. A universal index system would make this possible directly from intelligence reports with a minimum of additional research and editing.

(d) That progress reports, in the form of world charts, showing status of JANIS and other studies completed, projected and under revision, be distributed quarterly to holders of JANIS.

4. To summarize - JANIS are excellent, but the means of keeping them up to date are inadequate. This could be best accomplished by the adoption of a universal index system and by a continuing critical consideration of priorities of JANIS and corrections thereto.

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